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BONN, WEST GERMANY, AUG. 24 (REUTERS) -- A FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE SHORTLY AFTER HER ARREST ON SPY CHARGES IN 1967 WAS MOSCOWS TOP AGENT IN BONN AND GAVE AWAY VITAL NATO SECRETS, THE SUNDAY NEWSPAPER BILD AM SONNTAG CHARGED TODAY.

MRS. LEONORE SUETTERLIN, 39, GAVE THE KREMLIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCATION OF A SECRET NATO HEADQUARTERS, THE NATO WARNING SYSTEM AND ALL DETAILS OF A NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN OTTAWA, CANADA, IN MAY, 1963, THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

SHE ALSO GAVE AWAY INFORMATION ABOUT TWO SECRET WEST GERMAN FEDERAL ARMY MANEUVERS AND WARNED AT LEAST FIVE RUSSIAN AGENTS OPERATING IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC THEY WERE ABOUT TO BE ARRESTED, THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

WHEN MRS. SUETTERLIN WAS ARRESTED HERE IN OCTOBER, 1967 AFTER FIVE YEARS OF UNDERCOVER WORK FOR RUSSIA, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE INFORMATION SHE GAVE AWAY DID NOT COMPROMISE WESTERN SECURITY.

SHE COMMITTED SUICIDE IN A COLOGNE PRISON SHORTLY AFTER HER ARREST. HER HUSBAND, HEINZ SUETTERLIN, IS IN PRISON ON CHARGES OF HAVING BEEN SENT TO BONN BY THE RUSSIANS TO FIND AND MARRY A SECRETARY IN A VITAL POSITION.

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HIS TRIAL WILL OPEN IN COLOGNE LATER THIS YEAR, INFORMED SOURCES SAID.

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